

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for organizing a plurality of items which are being tracked in a computing device of the type which is capable of exchanging information with a communications center, comprising the steps of

maintaining a data list which includes all of the plurality of items being tracked, wherein the plurality of items being tracked is limited to a predetermined number of items, and wherein maintaining the data list includes storing information received from the communications center in a memory, for each item being tracked;

including in the data list a category tag for each of the plurality of items being tracked; and

displaying in a sublist associated with a designated category tag all of those items in the data list which have the designated category tag.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further including:

providing at least 2 category tags for at least a first one of the plurality of items being tracked; the step of limiting the number of items being tracked to a predetermined number

displaying the first one of the plurality of items being tracked in a first sublist associated with a first designated category tag; and

displaying the first one of the plurality of item being tracked in a second sublist associated with a second designated tag.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein securities are included among the plurality of items being tracked.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the computing device is a personal organizer device.

5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein the personal organizer device is a hand held device.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, further including the step of displaying a running total of the number of items in the data list.

7. (original) The method of claim 6, further including the step of displaying the maximum number of items permitted in the data list.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 3, further including the step of displaying the running ~~today~~ total of the number of items in the data list, and the maximum number of items permitted in the data list.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data maintaining step includes the step of adding new items to the plurality of items being tracked by way of entering an identifier for each new item.

10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the new item adding step includes the step of supplying a category tag for each new item.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the new item adding step includes the step of requiring the user to delete at least a selected one of the plurality of items being tracked whenever the number of items being tracked will exceed a predetermined limit number because of the addition of the new item.

12. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the displaying step includes the step of including selected information about the items being displayed in the sublist which information includes information received from the communications center.

13. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the maintaining step includes the step of displaying all of the items in the data list.

14. (currently amended) A system for tracking a plurality of items comprising:
a computing device in which information related to each of the plurality of the items being tracked is maintained in a data list, wherein the related information for each of the plurality of items includes a classification tag, and wherein the data list and the classification tags are stored in a memory of the computing device; and
a central communications center which is capable of exchanging with the computing device the related information of the items being tracked;

wherein the computing device operates to store information received from the central communications center for each of the items being tracked, and wherein in the computing device operates to limit the number of items being tracked to a predetermined number;

wherein the computing device is capable of displaying a list of all of the plurality of items being tracked by identifier and the associated classification tag and displaying information received from the central communications center for all of the plurality of items being tracked; and is capable of displaying sublists of the plurality of the items being tracked organized by classification tag along with information about the items received from the central communications center in the displayed sublists.

15. (original) The system of claim 14 wherein the computing device is a portable device.

16. (original) The system of claim 14 wherein the computing device is a hand held device.

17. (original) The system of claim 14 wherein the items being tracked are securities.

18. (canceled)

19. (original) The system of claim 14, further wherein the computing device displays a running total of the number of items in the data list.

20. (original) The system of claim 14, further wherein the computing device displays the maximum number of items permitted in the data list.

21. (currently amended) The system of claim 18, further wherein the computing device displays the running ~~today~~ total of the number of items in the data list, and the maximum number of items permitted in the data list.

22. (original) A computing device which is capable of exchanging information with a central communications center, which information is related to a plurality of items being tracked by a user, the computing device comprising:

a data list in which information is maintained for each of the plurality of items being tracked including a user-supplied classification tag;

a display function which is capable of displaying the plurality of items being tracked in lists organized by common classification tags.

23. (original) The computing device of claim 22 wherein the computing device is a portable device.

24. (original) The computing device of claim 22 wherein the computing device is a hand held device.

25. (original) The computing device of claim 22 wherein the items being tracked are securities.

26. (original) The computing device of claim 22 wherein the number of items being tracked is limited to a predetermined number.

27. (original) The system of claim 22, further wherein the computing device displays a running total of the number of items in the data list.

28. (original) The system of claim 22, further wherein the computing device displays the maximum number of items permitted in the data list.

29. (currently amended) The system of claim 26, further wherein the computing device displays the running ~~today~~ total of the number of items in the data list, and the maximum number of items permitted in the data list.

30. (original) A software program which is adapted for execution in a computing device of the type which is capable of exchanging information with a central communications center, the applications program comprising:

a data list in which information is maintained for each of a plurality of items being tracked by a user, wherein the information for each items includes an associated one of a plurality of user-supplied classification tags;

a display function which is capable of displaying the data list and of displaying lists of ones of the plurality of items being tracked which have common classification tags, along with information about the items in the lists which has been obtained from the central communications center.

31. (original) The software program of claim 30 wherein the computing device is a portable device.

32. (original) The software program of claim 30 wherein the computing device is a hand held device.

33. (original) The software program of claim 30 wherein the items being tracked are securities.

34. (original) The software program of claim 30 wherein the number of items being tracked is limited to a predetermined number.

35. (original) The system of claim 30, further wherein the display function displays a running total of the number of items in the data list.

36. (original) The system of claim 30, further wherein the display function displays the maximum number of items permitted in the data list.

37. (currently amended) The system of claim 34, further wherein the display function displays the running ~~today~~ total of the number of items in the data list, and the maximum number of items permitted in the data list.

38. (previously presented) A method for organizing information for a plurality of securities which are being tracked in a hand held computing device of the type which is capable of exchanging information with a communications center, comprising:

maintaining a data list in the hand held computing device, which includes information for all of the plurality of securities being tracked;

transmitting information for all of the plurality of securities being tracked from the communication center to the hand held computing device over a wireless link

including in the data list at least one category tag for each of the plurality of the securities being tracked;

for at least a first one of the securities being tracked providing at least two category tags; and

displaying in a sublist associated with a designated category tag all of those securities in the data list which have the designated category tag, wherein the first security which has at least two different category tags, will be displayed in at least two different sublists of securities based on the at least two category tags provided for the first security.